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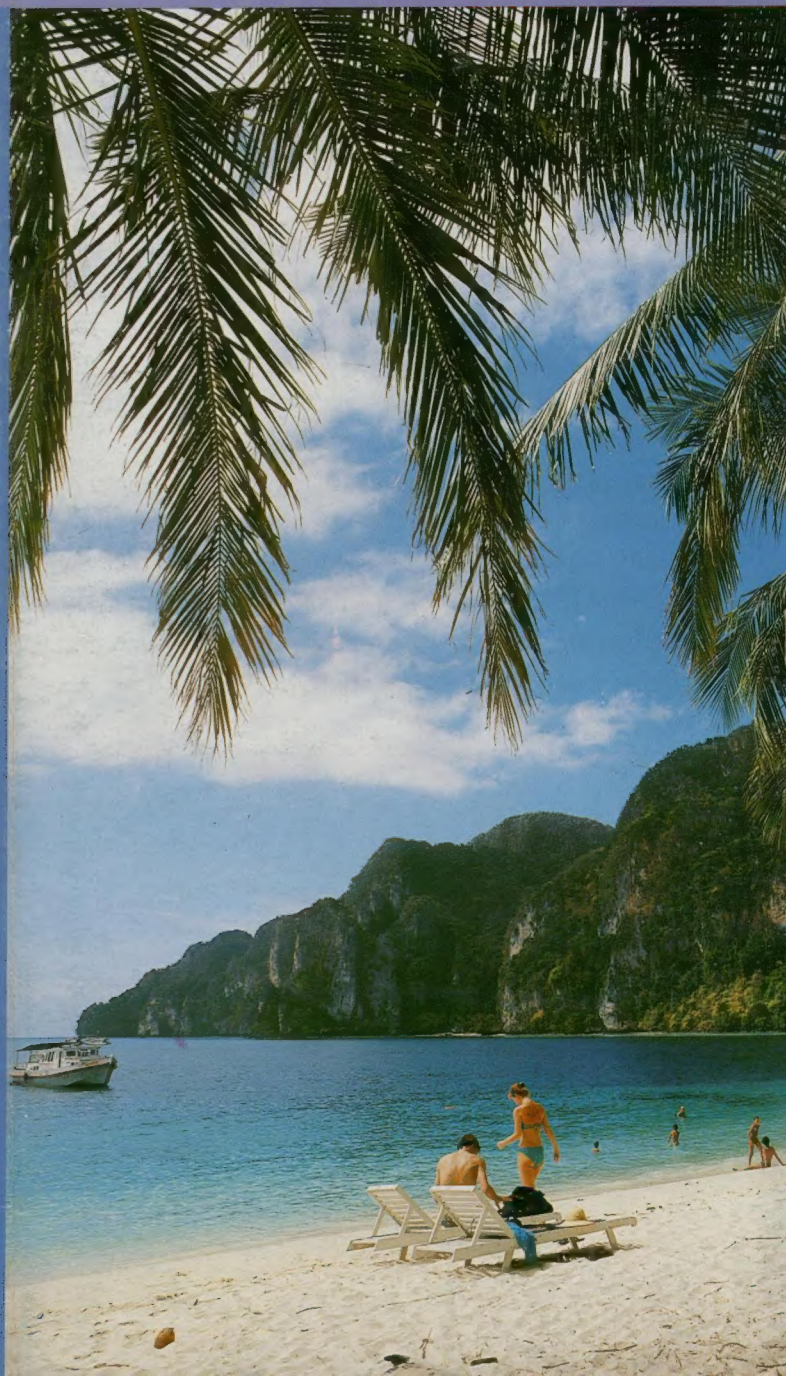
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Krabi is one of southern Thailand's most attractive provinces. Covering an area of 4,708 square kilometres, Krabi is some 814 kilometres from Bangkok along Highway No.4 via Phetchaburi, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Chumphon, Ranong and Phangnga, 211 kilometres from Surat Thani, 176 kilometres from Phuket, 131 kilometres from Trang, 285 kilometres from Hat Yai and 313 kilometres from Songkhla.

How to get to Krabi

By Road

1. From Bangkok, drive along Highway No.4 via Phetchaburi-Prachuap Khiri Khan-Chumphon-Ranong-Phangnga-Krabi, a total distance of 946 kilometres.

2. From Bangkok, drive along Highway No. 4 to Chumphon, then turn to Highway No. 41 via Amphoe Lang Suan, Amphoe Chaiya, Surat Thani, and Amphoe Wiang Sa before changing to the Highway 4035 to Amphoe Ao Luk and once again turning to Highway No.4 to Krabi, a total distance of 814 kilometres.

Buses leave Bangkok for Krabi daily.

For more information please contact Tel. 4345557-8 (non air-conditioned bus) and Tel. 435-1199 (air-conditioned bus)

3. From Phuket, drive for 4 hours along the Highway No. 402 and 4, a total distance of 185 kilometres. Buses leave Phuket for Krabi 3 times daily.

By Rail

From Hualamphong Railway Station (Bangkok), one can go as far as Trang Station, or Thung Song Station in Nakhon Si Thammarat, then take a bus or taxi to Krabi. For more information please contact Information Unit, State Railway of Thailand, Tel. 223-7010, 223-7020.

By Air

From Bangkok's domestic airport, take a flight to Phuket, then a bus to Krabi. For more information, please contact Information Unit, Thai Airway Co. Ltd. Tel. 280-0070, 280-0080.

Glossaries

Amphoe = District
Ao = Bay
Ban = Village
Hat = Beach
Khao = Mountain
Ko = Island

Laem = Cape
Mu Ko = Group of islands
Namtok = Waterfall
Tambon = Sub-District
Tham = Cave
Wat = Monastery

Attractions in Amphoe Muang

(สถานที่ท่องเที่ยวในอำเภอเมือง)

Khao Khanap Nam (เขานานน้ำ) can be reached by hiring a boat from Chao Fa pier in the town. This mount has a cave with stalactites and stalagmites.

Tham Sua (ถ้ำเสือ) is located about 3 kilometres from the Provincial Scout Camp. The cave houses a meditation spot of Wat Tham Sua (Tiger Cave Monastery)

Tham Sadet (ถ้ำเสด็จ) is located at Ban Nong Kok Tambon Sai Thai, 7 kilometres from the town on Highway No.4034. In 1909 the future King Rama VI visited the cave here, earning it the title "Sadet" indicating the presence of royalty.

Sa Kaeo (สระแก้ว) is a natural swamp in a vast valley of Tambon Khao Thong, Amphoe Muang. This forms part of a park which is being turned into recreational area. Another 8 smaller swamps are scattered nearby. Sa Kaeo is accessible by the Krabi-Nai Sa route (Highway No.4034), a distance of 28 kilometres.

Hat Noppharat Thara-Mu Ko Phi-Phi National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติหาดนพรัตน์ธารา-หมู่เกาะพีพี) comprises Hat Noppharat Thara, Hat Ao Phranang, and other tourist attractions such as Tham Phranang, the 75 million-year-old fossil shell beach, Mu Ko Poda and Mu Ko Phi-Phi.

Minibuses run regularly from Krabi market to Hat Noppharat Thara, the Fossil Shell Beach and Hat Ao Phranang. The fare is 20-30 baht per person.

Hat Noppharat Thara (หาดนพรัตน์ธารา), about 18 kms. from Krabi town along Nai Muang-Nai Sa Road, is a scenic beach lined with casuarina trees which extend for several kilometres. A rocky island, about one kilometre from the mainland, can be reached by foot at low tide.

Accommodation at the beach is available. Reservations should be made in advance at the Forestry Department, Tel. 5790529, 5794842

Hat Ao Phranang (หาดอ่าวพระนาง) is situated 6 kilometres south of Hat Noppharat Thara next to a road that runs parallel to the coastline. The beach is unusual because part of it is a mountain with a cave called "Tham Phranang" (ถ้ำพระนาง). This has numerous stalactites and stalagmites.

More than 83 islands can be viewed from Ao Phranang. These come in various sizes and shapes, some like a boat, others like a bird's head. These islands are mostly named in Yawi language which is hardly known for their meanings; for examples: Ko Poda or Ko Hua Khwan, Ko Yaman, Ko Batingming, Ko Yawasa, Ko Lading, Ko Mo, Ko Thap, and etc.

To visit the attractions at Ao Nang, visitors can take a boat from Hat Ao Phranang or contact the resorts located here. The attractions in Ao Phranang are Hat Rai Le, Hat Phranang, Tham Phranang, Sa Phranang, Ko Poda, Ko Thap etc.

Susan Hoi (สุสานหอย) or "Fossil Shell Beach", is located in Ban Laem Pho, 17 kilometres from downtown Krabi along the route to Hat Noppharat Thara. Featuring the fossils of

fresh water shellfish, this beach was created by earth surface change. Similar to a concrete slab, the rock contains numerous small shells. "The Fossil Shell Beach" is exceedingly rare, and one of only three in the world.

Mu Ko Phi Phi (หมู่เกาะพีพี), 40 kilometres off the coast of Krabi, is on the Krabi-Phuket marine route. There are, in fact, two islands:

Ko Phi Phi Le (เกาะพีพีเล), an island of steep cliffs, covers a total area of 6.6 square kilometres. A small bay called "Pi Le" reaches into a valley and gives a lake-like scenery. This part of the sea is almost encircled by steep cliffs. The waters are still, clear, and deep. To the south of Pi Le, is a small bay which hides in a fold of a steep rock. This is called "Lo Sa Ma". Another attraction is Tham Viking, a huge, vast, and airy cave which is home to a large number of swallows. On the cave walls are ancient paintings of sailing ships similar to those used by ancient Vikings. Near the entrance, there is a spectacular collection of stalagmites and stalactites.

In 1972, Tham Viking was renamed Tham Phaya Nak or The Great Serpent Cave by H.M. the king because of a serpent-like rock inside.

Ko Phi Phi Don (เกาะพีพีดอน), is home to fishermen and Thai Moslems. Located about 2 kilometres from Ko Phi Phi Le, This island has a total area of 28 square kilometres. An outstanding attraction here is Ao Ton Sai, a vast bay with a curving white sandy beach stretching to a mountain range which

reaches into the sea. The clear waters are perfect for swimming. There is also a pier on the beach where visitors can easily get on and get off a boat. On the other side, a fishing village is located at Laem Tong, an area renowned for its underwater natural beauty. Coral reefs can be found on both sides of the island.

Travel to Ko Phi Phi

Ko Phi Phi can be reached from Krabi and Phuket. In downtown Krabi, a boat runs from Chao Fa Pier to Ko Phi Phi twice a day. Tourists can inquire about the departure time at the pier. The fare is 120 baht per person and it takes 2 and a half hours. Air-conditioned rapid boat operated by Phi Phi Marine Travel Company also runs between Krabi and Ko Phi Phi twice a day. The fare is 240 baht per person. The boat takes an hour and a half. For further information call: 2557600 and 2524945.

From Phuket, Song Serm Travel Company operates a cruiser running between Phuket and Ko Phi Phi once a day. The fare is 300 baht per person for the hour-and-a-half trip. For further information call: Tel. 2536320-2.

For tourists who wish to dive or hire a boat, please contact bungalow operators or tour operators on Ko Phi Phi. Most are situated in the area of Ao Ton Sai.

Khao Phanom Bencha National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติเขานมเบญจา) covers a total area of 50.12 square kilometres including some parts of Amphoe Ao Luk, Amphoe

Khao Phanom, and Amphoe Muang. The park is accessible via a 1-km. drive along Si Trang Road starting from Talat Kao Crossroads. After another 20 kilometres, turn left along Highway No.4037 to Ban Huai To. Khao Phanom Bencha National Park has thick forest on its highest peaks. Its marvellous scenery is enhanced by streams, waterfalls, and wild animals. The park's major attractions are as follows:

Namtok Huai Sade (น้ำตกห้วยสะเด), about 1.2 kilometres from the park's office, the waterfall runs down over high cliff.

Namtok Huai To (น้ำตกห้วยไต่), located some 500 meters from the park's office, has as its source Phanom Bencha Mountains. The waterfall itself runs down over rocks onto 11 huge pools, each with its own name such as Wang Thewada, Wang Sok, Wang Chan, etc.

Tham Khao Phung (Khao Phung Cave) (ถ้ำเขาผึ้ง), is located some 3 kilometres from the park's office. Another 5 caves are in the area nearby. The cave's beauty is enhanced by 2 countless stalagmites and stalactites of various shapes. Some are like mushrooms, others like pagodas and curtains. The walls are white and glitter brightly.

For accommodation within the park please contact the Khao Phanom Bencha National Park, Tambon Thap Prik, Amphoe Muang, Krabi 81000.

Attractions in Amphoe Ao Luk

(สถานที่ท่องเที่ยวในอำเภออ่าวลึก)

Tham Lot Nua-Tai (ถ้ำลอดเหนือ-ใต้), is some 2 kms. from Amphoe Ao Luk along the Ao Luk-Laem Sak route. Turn right to Tha Bo Tho pier (ท่าเรือบ่อท่อ). Not too far away, two caves, Tham Lot Nua and Tham Lot Tai, can be reached by boat.

Tham Lot Nua-Tai, which looks a series of holes in a huge rock, has exquisite stalagmites and stalactites inside.

Tham Phi Hua To or Tham Hua Kalok (ถ้ำผีหัวโต หรือถ้ำหัวกะโหลก), is located in Amphoe Ao Luk on Phi Hua To Mountains, which are surrounded by mangrove swamps. The cave is accessible by the same route as Tham Lot Tai with its entrance not far beyond the canal to Tham Lot Tai. The mouth of the is some 6-7 meters above ground level. From the entrance, the cave divides into 2 routes, the left one leading to a vast chamber pierced by a shaft of light, while the right route leads to a hall believed by archaeologists to have been once a shelter for prehistoric people. Rock paintings can be seen within the cave. The paintings, 70 of them, are painted in red and black and portray people as well as animals. The cave was named Phi Hua To or Big-headed Ghost owing to the unusually large skulls discovered there. All have since disappeared. A large pile of shells were also found in the cave.

Attractions in Amphoe Khlong Thom

(สถานที่ท่องเที่ยวในอำเภอคลองท่อม)

Namtok Hin Phoeng (น้ำตกหินเฟิง), is located at Mu 8, Ban Hin Phoeng, Tambon Khlong Phon, a distance of 25

kilometres from the District Office.

This is accessible via Phetchakasem Highway, (Krabi-Trang route) turning left at Khlong Phon and travelling a further 8 kilometres. To reach the waterfall which runs down over a steep rock, one has to take a 400-meter walk along the hillside.

Wat Khlong Thom Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์สถานวัดคลองท่อม) Situated within the precincts of Wat Khlong Thom between Km. 69-70 on Phetchakasem Highway, one kilometre from the District Office, the museum features various kinds of artifacts discovered during excavations within an area called "Khuan Luk Pat" or a bead mound behind Wat Khlong Thom. The discoveries include stone tools, stone and earthen ornaments in the shapes of animals and particularly beads from some 3,000 years ago. It is an interesting attraction for visitors, especially those who collect antiques.

Attractions in Amphoe Ko Lanta

(สถานที่ท่องเที่ยวในอำเภอเกาะลันตา)

Mu Ko Lanta National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติหมู่เกาะลันตา) comprises of many different-sized islands, some of which are surrounded by beautiful coral reefs such as Ko Ha (เกาะห้า), Ko Rok (เกาะรอก) and Ko Hai (เกาะไหง). The main island in the park is Ko Lanta Yai, where the National Park's office is situated. This is also home to "Chao Le" or sea gypsies.

Travel to Ko Lanta

Visits to Ko Lanta should be made from November-April because there is no monsoon during this period. There are

two ways to reach the island.

1. From Chao Fa Pier in downtown Krabi a boat leaves one time daily to Sala Dan Pier, Ko Lanta Yai. During the peak season, a boat leaves 2-3 times a day. The fare is 150 baht per person and the trip takes 2 hours.

2. From downtown Krabi, in front of the New Hotel take a taxi to Bo Muang Pier, Amphoe Klong Thom, some 81 kilometres away. A boat leaves for the pier in front of Ko Lanta District office at 12.30 p.m. everyday. The trip takes 45 minutes and costs 50 baht fare.

Than Bokkhorani National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติธารโบกขรณี) is situated 45 kilometres from downtown Krabi. Travel along Phetchakasem Road to the crossroads of Amphoe Ao Luk. Turn left to Highway No.4039, and travel a further 1.5 kilometres to the national park office. The park covers an area of 121 sq.kms.consisting of limestone mountains, mangrove forests and islands. Among the interesting tourist attractions are:

Ko Hong (เกาะห้อง), is an island located on the edge of the national park. The easiest way to reach the island is to hire a boat from Ao Phra Nang. The trip takes about an hour. This limestone island has a beach and coral reefs in both deep and shallow water levels.

Tham Pet (ถ้ำเพชร) is located 3.5 kilometres next to the crossroads of Amphoe Ao Luk to Ban Na Tham. Beautiful stalactites and stalagmites can be found inside the dark cave. Visitors have to carry a lamp, to see those beautiful natural sights.

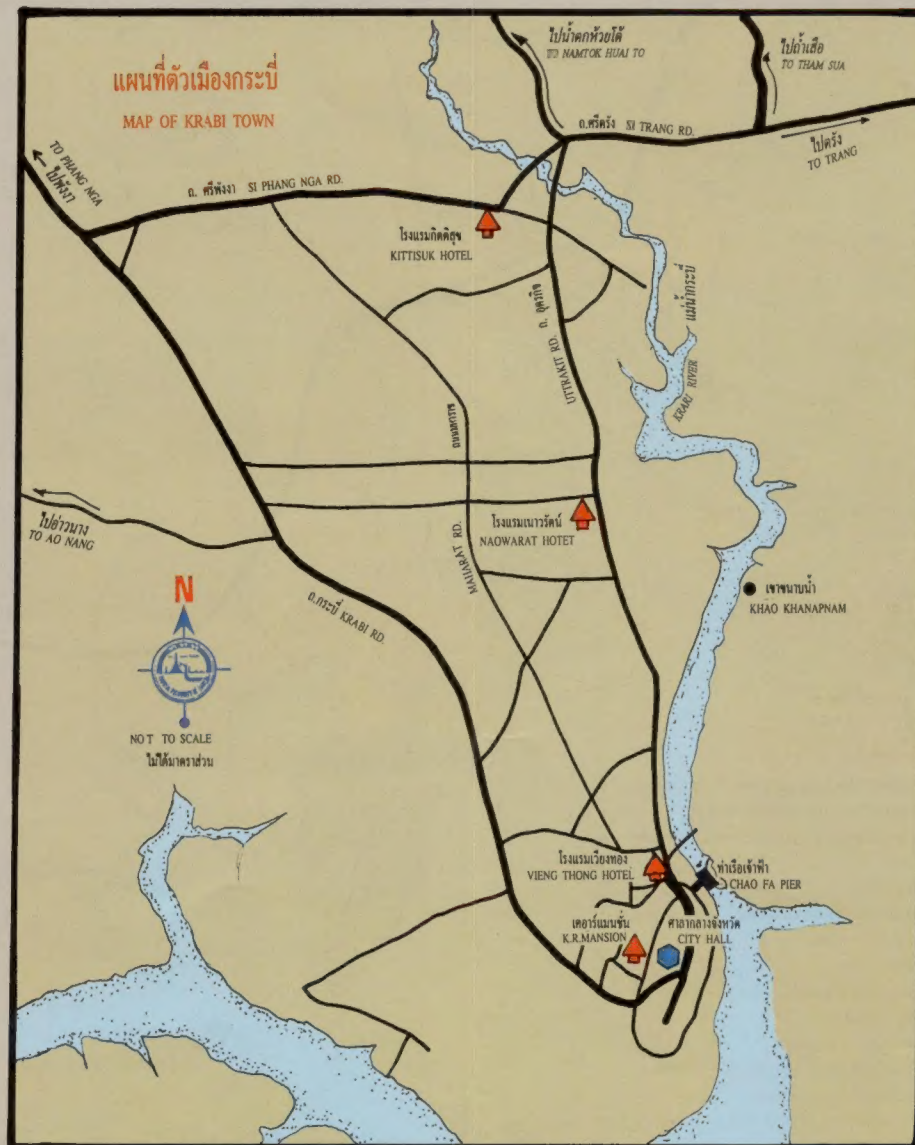
Souvenir

Souvenir from Krabi can be purchased from numerous shops in the city, especially along Uttarakit Road. Most attractive and recommended items are sea-shell and dried or preserved sea food.

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